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1. In April and May 1949 former Nationalist General LI Chieh-chih led one of a series of defections in east Kwangtung which resulted in a peaceful Communist occupation of the area. Nationalist forces have since retaken a number of haien cities, although the Communist forces still control the countryside.
2. The defected Nationalist troops are now showing signs of internal trouble, and 1,000 troops of LI have returned to the Nationalist side at Wuhuahsien (115-41, 24-02).
3. LI is being accused by Communist political workers of shirking, allowing Nationalist forces to recoup their losses, and insubordination. He is being subjected to considerable pressure and is said to have sent representatives to contact Communist leaders in Hong Kong to explain away the accusations.

Comment. [redacted] believes that this information indicates instability in the Communist forces caused by their recent sudden expansion through acquiring a large number of defected Nationalist troops. This instability may be aggravated by harsh treatment by the Communists which would make it difficult for defected leaders to maintain their new loyalty. Unless the Communists can replace these leaders with newly-trained Communist leaders, they may encounter difficulty in consolidating their power.

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